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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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S E C R E T LIBREVILLE 1338

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, MASS, CG, GB

SUBJ: SHABA AFRICAN FORCE

REF: (A) LIBREVILLE 1207 DTG 221645Z MAY 78 (B) USCINCEUR

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1. FOUR C-141S TRANSPORTING MOROCCAN TROOPS FOR SHABA  
AFRICAN FORCE AND ALCE WITH 34 MEN AND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT  
TO REMAIN LIBREVILLE UP TO ONE WEEK ARRIVED TOTALLY  
UNANNOUNCED EARLY MORNING HOURS JUNE 5. SOUTHBOUND  
PLANES SUPPORTING SHABA FORCE HAVE REFUELED AND DEPARTED.

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ALCE OFFLOADED AND SETTING UP OPERATIONS LIBREVILLE  
AIRPORT. GABONESE ALSO TAKEN BY SURPRISE BUT RALLIED  
QUICKLY AND ARE PROVIDING CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT.

2. ALCE COMMANDER LT. COL. ALSOBROOK HAS ONLY SKETCHY  
DETAILS OF EXPECTED FLOW THROUGH LIBREVILLE. HE  
MENTIONED TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN

C-141 FLIGHTS PER DAY FOR FIVE DAYS. BLANKET OVERFLIGHT/  
LANDING CLEARANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN AIRCRAFT STILL  
VALID AND WILL BE EXPANDED TO COVER TOTAL NEEDS. WE  
WILL NEED TO PROVIDE GABONESE WITH DATA SPECIFIED REFTEL A  
AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE ABLE PROVIDE THEM AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE WITH NUMBER, TIMING AND DIRECTION OF ANTICIPATED  
FLIGHTS. LATTER INFORMATION PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR  
REFUELING OPERATION (AS OF NOW, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT  
AT 7 PER DAY FREQUENCY, THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM).  
WE NEED TO KNOW, IS SHORT, OVERALL CONCEPTION OF ROLE  
THIS POST IS EXPECTED TO PLAY.

3. ALCE TEAM HAS SEVERAL PROBLEMS TO SORT OUT WITH  
WHICH WE ATTEMPTING ASSIST. FIRST WAS LACK OF VISAS  
AND IN MANY CASES LACK OF PASSPORTS. SECOND IS THA  
FIELD BIVOUACKING LIBREVILLE NOT PRACTICAL AND ALCE  
PERSONNEL WILL BE LODGED IN COMMERCIAL HOTEL AT LOCAL  
INFLATED RATES BUT LACK TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION TO PAY.  
EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS FISCAL DATA TO PERMIT THEM OR  
US TO COVER EXPENSES FOR HOTEL, MEALS, LANDING FEES, ETC.

4. CONCERNING GABONESE CONTRIBUTION TO FORCE, CHIEF  
OF STAFF OF LAND AND SEA FORCES INFORMED US THIS  
MORNING THAT IN ADDITION TO 45 TROOPS, (WHICH TURN OUT  
TO BE PARACHUTISTS) GABONESE INTEND SEND TWO BERLIET  
TRUCKS WIEGHING APPROXIMATELY FIVE AND ONE HALF METRIC  
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TONS EACH AND ONE JEEP WEIGHING SLIGHTLY OVER ONE  
METRIC TON.

5. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF USAF AIRCRAFT AND MOROCCAN  
TROOPS READILY VISIBLE FROM INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL.  
IF QUERIED, PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE WILL  
CONFIRM THEIR PRESENCE AND DRAW ON PRESS GUIDANCE  
PROVIDED STATE 141234. WE WILL NEED, HOWEVER,  
FURTHER GUIDANCE AS OF TOMORROW IF GABONESE ARE  
PICKED UP THEN.

6. FOR MILITARY ADDEES: THIS POST DOES NOT RPT  
NOT HAVE MILITARY ATTACHE. PLEASE THEREFORE AVOID  
USE OF MILITARY JARGON IN YOUR MESSAGES. TIENKEN

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